

FRIDAY, Dec. 31, 1852.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Rev. Mr. Zealey officiated as chaplain.

A quorum being present, the journal of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Mr. Johnson moved that a committee be appointed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate will be ready at three o'clock to-day, to go into the election of a Judge for the Eastern Circuit of this State.

Whereupon the following Committee was appointed, viz :

Messrs. Long, Baldwin and Forsyth.

The Committee returned and reported the duty performed.

On motion, the rules were waived so as to allow Mr. Baldwin to introduce without previous notice,

A bill to be entitled An Act in relation to Pilotage for the Port of Key West ;

Which was received, and placed among the orders of the day.

On motion, the rules were waived, so as to allow Mr. Forsyth, to introduce without previous notice,

A bill to be entitled An Act supplementary to an act entitled an act to regulate the business of banking ;

Which was received, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

On motion, the rules were waived, so as to allow Mr. Snell to introduce without previous notice,

A bill to be entitled An Act to repeal the following acts, viz :

An Act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Florida, da proved January 11, 1851. Also an act to amend an act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Florida, approved January 24, 1851.

Mr. Finley, from the Committee on Engrossed bills, made the following report :

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, report as correctly engrossed: An Act to abolish and repeal the 2nd clause or section of the 11th article of the Constitution of this State.

And also, An Act to amend the several general laws for the incorporation of all such churches and religious societies, as may accept thereof, now in force in this State.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. FINLEY,

Chairman.

Which was received and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Gonzalez from the Committee on Claims made the following report :

The Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of Robert Lawrence, have considered the same and beg leave to report :

That your committee have examined the papers on file in the Comptroller's office in relation to this claim, and find that he has been paid all that is reasonable to be paid by the State. The committee report against the passage of the bill and ask to be discharged.

SAMUEL Z. GONZALEZ,

Chairman.

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Provence from the Committee on Corporations, made the following report :

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred, a bill to be entitled An Act to incorporate a company to construct a Rail Road across the Peninsula of Florida, under the style of the Florida Rail Road Company, have had the same under consideration, and with peculiar pleasure report :

That they recommend its passage.

DAVID PROVENCE,

Chairman.

Which was received, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Baldwin from the Committee on Schools and Colleges made the following report :

The Committee on Schools and Colleges, to whom was referred, a bill to be entitled An Act to incorporate Knox Hill Academy, in Walton county, report :

That they have had the same under consideration, and have instructed their Chairman to report the said bill back, and recommend its passage.

JOHN P. BALDWIN,

Chairman.

Which was read and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Baldwin moved that a Committee be appointed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate will be ready to meet the House in joint meeting at 7 o'clock this evening, for the purpose of electing a Solicitor for the Eastern Circuit.

Messrs. Baldwin, Wynn and Finley were appointed said Committee.

Who reported the duty performed, and asked to be discharged.

Mr. Gonzalez from the Committee on Claims and Accounts, made the following report :

The Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom the petition of Azor Umstead, of Hillsborough county was referred, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report :

That upon a careful consideration of the facts therein stated, are of opinion that the said petitioner should receive the reward offered by the Governor of this State, for the apprehension of Jose Perfino alias Indio, and recommend that An Act be passed for his relief.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Z. GONZALEZ,

Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Buddington from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, made the following report :

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred back from the Senate a bill entitled "An act to repeal an act to declare Spring Creek, commonly known as Robinson's Spring Creek, in Jackson county, a navigable stream, approved February 13, 1831," have had the same under consideration, together with the petitions for and against said repeal. They, through their Chairman, make the following report :

That we find for said repeal a petition from J. A. Farley and one hundred and twenty-six others—persons purporting to reside in the neighborhood of said creek, who state that they believe the repeal of the act of general benefit ; while, upon the other hand, the counter-petition contains nine names only, and one of them the same that is upon the first-named petition. We are, therefore, of the opinion that the will of the large majority, as appears from the two petitions, should be respected, and therefore recommend the bill back to the Senate, with the advice that it be passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

O. BUDDINGTON,
Chairman.

Which was read, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Buddington also made the following report :

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred the bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of Captain Sparkman's and Parker's, and other volunteer companies," having had the same under consideration, ask leave through their Chairman to report :

That they have examined the militia law and the correspondence of the present Executive, as well as his predecessor, with the Federal Government, together with the testimony adduced to us by other persons, and are led to the conclusion that the claims should and ought to be paid. We therefore recommend the passage of the bill for their payment.

All which is respectfully submitted.

O. BUDDINGTON,
Chairman.

Which was received, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Long from the Committee on the Judiciary made the following report, to wit :

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred, a bill to be entitled An Act in relation to the county site of Wakulla county, have considered the same, and unanimously recommend its passage. The committee regard the mode provided, for the ascertainment of the value of the land for said site as altogether proper.

M. A. LONG,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which was received and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Long from the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate, &c., made the following report :

The Committee of Conference appointed to consider of the amendment proposed by the Senate to the House bill to be entitled "An act in addition to and amendatory of the several acts concerning writs of error and appeals to the Supreme Court," have considered the subject and recommend that the amendment of the Senate to said bill shall be concurred in by the House of Representatives, and that the bill as amended shall become the law of the land.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LONG,
Chairman of Committee of Conference on part of Senate,
N. A. LONG,
Chairman of Committee of Conference on part of House.

Which was received, and the report concurred in.

On motion, the Rule was waived so as to allow Mr. Brown to make a motion.

When he moved that the Senator from Madison have leave to withdraw the petition of James A. Pillans, and the accompanying papers ;

Which motion was agreed to.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, viz :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 30, 1852.

HON. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE :

Sir—The House have concurred in the Senate amendments to the following House bills, viz :

Bill to be entitled An Act to incorporate the Pensacola Rail Road Company ;

Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize Joseph A. Everett to establish a Ferry across the Withlacoochee river ;

Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize certain persons to establish a Ferry across the Ocklocknee river ;

Resolution asking Congress the reduction of the price of Public Lands in this State ;

The House refuses to concur in the Senate amendment to House bill to be entitled An Act to amend the laws now in force relating to Divorces ;

The House have passed the Senate bill to be entitled An Act giving to the Alabama and Florida Rail Road Company the right to extend their Road into the State of Florida and construct branch roads with chartered privileges,

With the amendments enclosed in said bill, to which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Respectfully,
JOHN DICK,
Clerk House of Representatives.

A Committee from the House of Representatives, informed the Senate, that the House of Representatives will be ready at 3 o'clock to go into the election of Judge for the Eastern Circuit, also at 7 o'clock for the election of Solicitor for the Eastern Circuit.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend the several laws for the incorporation of all such churches and religious and other societies as may accept thereof, now in force in this State,

Was read a third time, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was as follows:

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Brown, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Moseley, Provence, Smith, Snell, Stewart and Wynn—16.

NAYS—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An Act to abolish and repeal the 2d clause or section of the 11th article of the Constitution of this State,

Was read a third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

YEAS—Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Brown, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Snell, and Wynn—9.

NAYS—Mr. President, Messrs. Buddington, Johnson, Moseley, Provence, Smith, and Stewart—7.

There not being a constitutional majority, the bill was lost.

House bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the payment of Capt. Sparkman's, Parker's and other volunteer companies,

Was read a second time, when Mr. Baldwin moved to amend the second section by striking out in the 4th line, the words "bearing six per cent. interest."

Which amendments was concurred in.

On motion the rule was waived, and the bill read a third time, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was:

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Brown, Buddington, Finley, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley, Smith, Snell, Stewart and Wynn—16.

NAYS—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Long from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled bills have examined and find correctly enrolled, a resolution in relation to the establishment of a mail route, from Thomasville, in Georgia, to Alligator, in Columbia county.

M. A. LONG,

Respectfully,

Chairman Committee on Enrolments.

Also the following:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills have examined and find correctly, Enrolled:

A resolution in relation to printing the laws.

Also, An Act to prevent certain persons from peddling in this State.

Also a resolution for the relief of William Watson.

Also An Act prescribing the condition of injunction bonds.

Also An Act to amend an act entitled an act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on the State lands, approved Dec. 27, 1848.

M. A. LONG,

Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Which was read.

House bill for the relief of Starkey A. J. Cox,

Was read a second time, rule waived, read a third time, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was:

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Johnson, Kilcrease, Provence and Wynn—5.

NAYS—Messrs. Blackburn, Brown, Buddington, Forsyth, Gillis Gonzalez, Long, Moseley, Smith, Snell and Stewart—11.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Provence from a Select Committee, made following report:

The Select Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An Act to organize the County of Sumpter, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report:

That they recommend the said bill be passed with the following amendment:

Section 13. *Be it further enacted*, That the Judge of Probate of the County of Sumpter, shall within twelve months from the passage of this act, cause an enumeration of the inhabitants of the said county to be taken by some competent person, and the expenses of said enumeration to be paid out of the Treasury of said county; and the Judge of Probate shall forward to the Secretary of this State a true copy of said enumeration, as provided for in Section of this Act.

D. PROVENCE,

Chairman.

Which was read and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

House resolution asking an appropriation from Congress for the establishment of a tri-weekly mail, &c., for the city of Apalachicola,

Was read a second time, rule waived, read third time and adopted,

Ordered, that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Finley, from the Committee on Engrossed bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report as correctly engrossed,

An Act to permanently fix the election precincts in the County of Columbia, and to repeal certain acts therein mentioned.

An Act to permit Henry M. Stephens to sell the real estate belonging to the infant children of said Stephens.

And also, An Act to amend the taxation laws relative to land and negroes of the State of Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. FINLEY, Chairman.

Which was read, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend the Taxation laws in regard to Land and Negroes,

Was read a third time, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was as follows :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Buddington, Finley, Gonzalez, Kilcrease, Moseley and Wynn—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Blackburn, Brown, Forsyth, Johnson, Long, Provence, Snell and Stewart—8.

So the bill was lost.

On motion, the rule was waived so as to allow Mr. Blackburn to introduce, without previous notice, a bill to be entitled An Act to direct the State Register to furnish plats of State Lands to each Judge of Probate, and for other purposes,

Also, a bill to be entitled An Act in addition to the several acts concerning Licenses to retail spirituous liquors ;

Which were received, and placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled An act to permanently fix the election precincts in the county of Columbia, and to repeal certain acts therein mentioned,

Was read a third time.

And on the question of its passage the vote was :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Blackburn, Brown, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley, Provence, Snell, Stewart and Wynn—15.

NAYS—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill for the relief of John B. Anderson,

Was read a third time, and on the question of its passage the vote was :

YEAS—Messrs. Finley and Gonzalez—2.

NAYS—Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Brown, Buddington, Forsyth, Gillis, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley, Provence, Snell, Stewart and Wynn—14.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

The following message was received from the His Excellency, the Governor :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
December 31, 1852. }

The Hon. R. J. FLOYD, President Senate :

SIR,—I nominate Madison Post, for auctioneer for the county of Hillsborough.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient Servant, &c.

THOMAS BROWN.

Which was read and the nomination therein contained advised and consented to.

Also, the nominations made on yesterday for the county of Monroe were taken up from the table and advised and consented to.

A bill to be entitled An Act granting to Rail Road companies lands granted or hereafter to be granted to the State by the General Government for the purpose of aiding in the construction of Rail Roads within the State,

Was read a third time and on the question of its passage, the vote was :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Brown, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Long, Moseley, Smith, Snell, Stewart and Wynn—17.

NAYS—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered, To be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An act to amend an act entitled an act in relation to rafted lumber adrift, and for other purposes,

Came up, with amendments made by the House of Representatives Which amendmenis were concurred in.

House bill to be entitled An Act making appropriations for the compilation and publication of Thompson's collection of British statutes of force in this State,

Was read a second time.

Mr. Johnson offered the following amendment to section first :

Amend the first section by striking out the words "twenty-eight hundred" and insert "two thousand ;"

Upon the adoption of which, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Blackburn and Moseley, and were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Brown, Gillis, Johnson, Kilcrease, Smith and Snell—8.

NAYS—Mr. President, Messrs. Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gonzalez, Long, Moseley, Provence and Stewart—9.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Johnson offered the following amendment to the second section :

Strike out

All after the enacting clause in second section, and insert, the Governor shall offer copy-rights of said Digest of British Statutes to any competent person or persons, who will give bond and security

for the faithful performance, to have the said Digest printed and bound, and will give one hundred and fifty printed and bound copies of said Digest, to the State, for the use of the State, and the Governor on receiving the said one hundred and fifty copies as aforesaid, shall cause one hundred and forty copies to be offered for sale by the Secretary of State, the remaining ten copies to remain in the office of the Secretary of State, for the use of the State, and the proceeds from such sales, shall be placed in the Treasury as a part of the State's revenues.

Upon the adoption of which, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Blackburn and Moseley, and were :

YEAS—Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Brown, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Johnson, Kilcrease, Moseley, Snell and Stewart—11.

NAYS—Mr. President, Messrs. Buddington, Gonzalez, Long, Provence and Smith—6.

So the amendment was adopted.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend the act of 24 July, 1845, entitled an act to raise a Revenue, &c., &c.,

Was read a second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the establishment of two seminaries of learning,

Came up, when on motion, the amendments made by the House to said bill were not agreed to.

Ordered, That it be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of Wm. Crawford,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read a second time, and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion, the Senate took a recess till half past two.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The orders of the day were resumed.

A bill to be entitled An Act to fix a minimum on School and Seminary Lands,

Was read a third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was as follows :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Buddington, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Moseley, Provence, Smith, Snell and Stewart—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Kilcrease, and Wynn—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An Act to repeal an act in relation to pilotage for the port of Key West,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read a second and third times, and upon the question of its passage the vote was :

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Brown, Buddington, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Moseley, Provence, Smith, Snell, Stewart and Wynn—15.

NAYS—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An Act supplemental to an act entitled an act to regulate the business of banking,

Was read first time, rule waived, read a second time by title, and seventy-five copies ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled An Act to repeal the following acts, to wit :—an act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Florida, approved January 11th, 1851 ; also, an act to amend an act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Florida, approved January 24, 1851,

Was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

On motion, the rule was waived and Mr. Long permitted to make the following report :

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred, a bill to be entitled An Act for changing the names of persons residing in this State, have considered the same, and recommend its amendment in the manner proposed in the annexed amendment, and when so amended the committee recommend the passage of the bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted. M. A. LONG,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Amend the bill, by striking out the words "if this appear sufficient cause," and insert the words "unless good cause to the contrary be shown."

The following message was received from His Excellency, the Governor :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
December 29th, 1852. }

Hon. President of the Senate :

Sir.—I have approved and signed An Act to prevent certain persons from peddling in this State.

THOS. BROWN.

Also, the following message from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 31, 1852. }

Hon. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE :

Sir,—The House have passed the following bills and resolutions :
Senate bill to be entitled An Act to incorporate the Pensacola and Mobile bay Railroad Company.

Senate bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act entitled an act

to provide for the recording of the marks and brands of cattle, shipped from the State of Florida, approved Jan. 6, 1849.

Senate bill to be entitled An Act to amend the laws granting pre-emption rights to settlers on State lands.

Senate resolution in relation to Capt. Wm. H. Payne's company.

Senate resolution in relation to the term of office of the Governor elect.

Senate resolution relative to copying the laws of the present session.

Resolution relative to the account of R. A. Shine, Q. M. Gen'l.

Respectfully,
JOHN DICK,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled An act to incorporate a company to construct a railroad across the Peninsula of Florida, under the style of the Florida Railroad Company,

Was read a second time, amended, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Brown, Blackburn and Kilcrease were appointed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate are now ready to proceed with the election of the Judge of the Eastern Circuit.

A committee from the House informed the Senate that the House was now ready to go into said election.

Mr. Kilcrease nominated WILLIAM A. FORWARD: Mr. Forsyth nominated THOMAS DOUGLAS.

The vote was as follows:

For Forward:—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Brown, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Moseley, Snell and Wynn—10.

For Douglas:—Messrs. Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Smith, Stewart—6.

Blank:—Messrs. Long and Provence—2.

Result in the House—Forward 19, Douglas 10, blank 1.

The President declared that there was no election, and the Senate proceeded to a second voting, which resulted as follows:

For Forward:—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Brown, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Moseley, Snell and Wynn—10.

For Douglas:—Messrs. Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Smith and Stewart—6.

Blank:—Messrs. Long and Provence—2.

Result in the House—Forward 20, Douglas 8, Blank 1.

The President declared that William A. Forward, having received a constitutional majority, was duly elected Judge of the Eastern Circuit.

The orders of the day were resumed:

House bill to be entitled An Act to authorize boats to peddle on the Choctawhatchie river.

Came up, when on motion the vote had on said bill a few days since

was reconsidered, and the bill was again read a third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Blackburn, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Gonzalez, Johnson, Long, Moseley, Smith, Snell and Wynn—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown and Stewart.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

Mr. Long, from the committee on enrolled bills reported as follows:

The Committee on enrolled bills have examined and find correctly enrolled, an act to change an election precinct in the county of Nassau.

Also, a resolution in relation to the claims of James M. Bates.

M. A. LONG, Chairman.

A bill to be entitled An Act to organize the county of Sumpter,

Was read a second time, when the amendments made by the Select Committee were adopted.

On motion, the rule was waived, and the bill read a second and third time by its title, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was:

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brown, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Johnson, Long, Moseley, Provence, Smith, Snell and Wynn—14.

NAYS—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Bill to be entitled An Act to repeal an act to declare Spring Creek, commonly known as Robinson's Spring Creek, in Jackson county, a navigable stream, approved, February 13th, 1851,

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

House bill to be entitled An Act in relation to the county Site of Wakulla county,

Was read a second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled An Act to authorize Joseph T. Phelps to establish a Ferry across the Withlacoochie river,

Was read a first time and ordered for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act to secure the swamp and overflowed lands, lately granted to the State, and for other purposes,

Which was read a first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An Act to direct the State Register to furnish plats of State lands to each Judge of Probate, and for other purposes,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read a second time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled An Act in addition to the several acts concerning Licenses to retail Spirituous Liquors,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read second time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled An Act to provide for legal proceedings against Corporations and persons claiming exclusive privileges by public grants who have incurred forfeitures of the same by non user,

Came up, when on motion, the amendments made by the Judiciary Committee were adopted,

And the bill read a second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An Act in relation to Judiciary proceedings in certain cases,

Was read a second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House resolution relative to the account of R. A. Shine, Quartermaster General, and for other purposes,

Was read a first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled An Act for changing the names of persons residing in this State,

Came up, when the amendment proposed by the Judiciary Committee were adopted.

The bill read a second time as amended, and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An Act to permit Henry M. Stephens to sell the real estate belonging to the infant children of said Stephens,

Was read a third time, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was :

YEAS—Messrs. Blackburn, Brown, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gonzalez, Johnson, Kilcrease, Moseley, Provence and Smith—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Long, Snell and Stewart—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An Act giving to the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company the right to extend their road into the State of Florida, and construct branch roads with chartered privileges,

Came up, when the amendments made by the House to said bill were concurred in.

Ordered, That the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until 7 o'clock, P. M.

SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, the rules were waived to allow Mr. Long to make the following report :

The Judiciary Committee, who have been instructed to enquire

into the propriety of amending and simplifying the laws in relation to the relinquishment of dower, have considered the same, and have prepared and herewith present, a bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws in force in this State, in relation to the relinquishment of dower of married women.

M. A. LONG, Chairman.

Which was received and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

On motion, a Committee consisting of Messrs. Snell, Forsyth and Stewart were appointed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate is now ready to meet them in joint assembly for the purpose of going into the election of Solicitor for the Eastern Circuit of Florida.

The Committee returned and reported the duty assigned them had been discharged.

A Committee from the House of Representatives informed the Senate, that the House was ready to proceed with the election of Solicitor for the Eastern Circuit, and invited the Senate to the House of Representatives.

The Senate repaired to the House of Representatives.

The following is the result of the first balloting :

For ROGERS.—Senate—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Blackburn, Buddington, Finley, Forsyth, Gillis, Long, Moseley, Provence, Smith, Snell and Stewart—13.

For IVES.—Senate—Messrs. Brown and Johnson—2.

Result in the House.

ROGERS—17. IVES—7. O'BRIEN—3. BLANK—1.

The President declared Mr. Rogers duly elected Solicitor for the Eastern Circuit.

When the Senators returned to their chamber and proceeded with the business.

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend the laws in force in this State, in relation to the relinquishment of dower by married women,

Was read a first time, rule waived, read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

The following message was received from His Excellency, the Governor :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
December 31, 1852. }

The Hon. R. J. FLOYD,

President of the Senate, &c.:

Sir,—I have approved and signed the following bills, viz :

An Act prescribing the condition of Injunction bonds ;

An Act to amend an act entitled an act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on State lands, approved December 27, 1848.

Also the following Resolutions :

Resolution for the relief of William Watson ;

Resolution in relation to printing the laws ;

Resolution in relation to the establishment of a mail route from Thomasville in Georgia, to Alligator in Columbia County.

Which I have caused to be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

And I return to the Committee of Enrollments a Resolution, because it has no *title*.
THOMAS BROWN.

On motion, the rule was waived so as to allow Mr. Finley to introduce without previous notice,

A bill to be entitled An Act to establish a Board of Dental Surgeons for the State of Florida,

Was read a first time, the rule waived, read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, January 1, 1853.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Rev. Mr. Zealey officiated as chaplain.

A quorum being present, the journal of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, the vote had yesterday on a bill to be entitled An Act to amend the laws in force in this State in relation to relinquishment of dower was reconsidered.

On motion, the rule was waived so as to allow Mr. Johnson to introduce without previous notice,

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the election of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, approved January 6th, 1847 ;

Which bill was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Snell offered the following resolution, viz :

Resolution for the relief of Azor Umstead.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby instructed to audit the account of Azor Umstead, for the amount offered in the reward offered by the Governor, in his proclamation, for the capture of Jose Perfina, alias India, and the Treasurer is hereby instructed to pay the same out of any money remaining in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Which was read a first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Johnson from the Committee on Internal Improvements made the following report :

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the location, survey and completion of a Canal connecting the waters of the St. Johns and Indian rivers, have considered the bill, and ask leave to report :

This bill provides, first, for the appropriation of five thousand dollars for the examination and survey of the country between the St. Johns and Indian rivers, with a view to connect these waters and drain the overflowed lands. Secondly, for the appointment of an engineer and other persons to form a board to make contracts and

complete a canal, &c., and the appropriation of sixty thousand dollars for the completion of said canal.

Your Committee are deeply impressed with the importance of the proposed work, affording a safe inland passage between the Eastern and Southern sections of the State ; but look upon the appropriation of money from this Fund, before any part of it is received, and before the State has received a transfer of the lands, as premature and unwise, and report against the passage of the bill. In the meantime your Committee would recommend the examination, survey and estimates of the proposed work by a State Engineer, (should such an officer be appointed,) for the information and action of a future General Assembly. Your Committee report a resolution for that purpose and ask to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN G. JOHNSON,

Chairman.

Resolution requesting the Governor of this State to cause the State Engineer to examine and Report the cost and practicability of connecting the St. Johns and Indian rivers, by a navigable canal.

Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That the Governor of this State be, and he is hereby requested to cause the State Engineer to survey and estimate the cost and practicability of connecting the waters of the St. Johns and Indian rivers by a navigable canal, for the information of the next General Assembly of this State.

Which was received and read, and the report together with the bill and resolution placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Baldwin from the Committee on Schools and Colleges made the following report :

The Committee on Schools and Colleges, acting under the instructions of the Senate, have instructed the undersigned to report the following resolutions and ask to be discharged.

JOHN P. BALDWIN,

Chairman.

Which was received, and the bill together with the report, placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Gonzalez from the Committee on Claims, made the following report :

The Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the bill entitled An Act for the relief of J. W. Bozeman have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report :

That the evidence in the case, from what we have been enabled to discover, appears to be thus :—A Mr. Beckman was, in a fight, cut to such extent that he died ; but previously to his death a large amount of calomel was given him, and your Committee see no reason for a *post mortem* examination to be had, except that it was to ascertain whether the wounds or medicine killed him—and it is not to be supposed that it was for the latter purpose, as Mr. Bozeman